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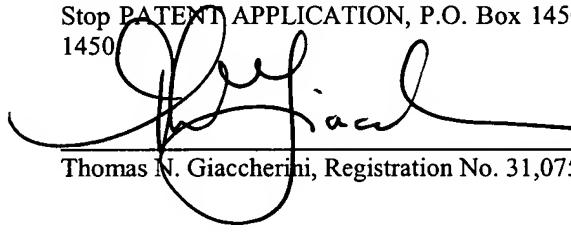
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, please accept the enclosed Continuation-in-Part Patent Application entitled *In Orbit Space Transportation & Recovery System*.

**Contents of Patent Application**

This Transmittal Letter is accompanied by a Continuation-in-Part Patent Application which includes:

**58** Pages of Specification plus a title page including:  
**85** Total Claims including  
**6** Independent Claims and  
**79** Dependent Claims; and  
**17** Sheets of Drawings.

No Assignments, combined Declarations & Powers of Attorney are submitted at this time. No filing fee is submitted, nor is the Commissioner authorized to charge any fees to any deposit account. The Applicants intend to pay all fees connected with the filing of this Application when missing parts are submitted to the Patent Office.

**Statement Regarding Small Entity Status**

The Applicants & the Assignee each qualify for Small Entity rates for fees charged by the Patent Office. The small entity filing fee for this Application is calculated below.

**Calculation of Filing Fee**

	No. Filed	Allowance	Excess	Rate	Total
Filing Fee					\$ 770
Total Claims	85	20	65	\$ 18	\$ 1170
Independent Claims	6	3	3	\$ 86	\$ 258
Multiple Dep. Claims	0	0	0	\$290	0
SUBTOTAL					\$ 2198
50% Small Entity Reduction					\$ 1099
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>					<b>\$ 1099</b>

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